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SETTING UP OF NATIONAL BIOTECHNOLOGY CENTRES

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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received proposals from various State Governments, particularly from Maharashtra and Uttaranchal to set up National Bio-Technology Centres in their States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, state-wise; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to set up these Centres in all the States?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES(KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) (b) & (c): No Sir. The Department of Biotechnology under the Ministry of Science and Technology has not received proposals to set up National Biotechnology Centres from any State Government including Maharashtra and Uttaranchal. Further, there is also no proposal to set up State-wise Bio-Technology Centres during 11th five year plan.